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<u>Claims</u>

1. An information system comprising

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- a signal capturing apparatus that captures signals reflected back from an eye comprising a retina;
- a field-of-view capturing apparatus that captures visible light from a field of view associated with the retina without capturing a retinal reflex image of the retina;
- an information apparatus; and
- a output apparatus that provides information in cooperation with the information
 apparatus as a function of the captured light and in correlation with the captured signals, wherein
 - the information apparatus comprises an evaluation apparatus that obtains image information with regard to the field of view from the captured light; and
 - the output apparatus comprises a projection apparatus that projects the image information onto the retina in correlation with the captured signals such that a naturally perceived field of view and the projected image information are perceived as a unitary image by the retina.
- The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said function
 encompasses a temporal or spatial correlation between the provision of the information and the captured light.
 - 3. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said function encompasses a pattern recognition that yields at least one information key, and the information keys serve for an information query based on the information apparatus.
 - 4. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the signal capturing apparatus comprises a scanning apparatus that records an at least partial capture of the retinal reflex image in a first scan operation and carries out a less comprehensive capture of the retinal reflex image in a later scan operation.
 - 5. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the signal capturing apparatus captures the retinal reflex image only partially or not at all.
- 35 6. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the field-of-view capturing apparatus and/or the signal capturing apparatus at least partially captures the corneal reflex image of the eye.

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7. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the output apparatus provides the information tactually, visually, audibly, smellably and/or tastably.

- 5 8. The information system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the information apparatus a databank, a sensor system, an information network connection and/or an evaluation apparatus.
 - 9. A method for providing information comprising the steps of:
 - capturing signals that have been reflected back from an eye comprising a retina;
 - capturing visible light from a field of view associated with the retina without capturing a retinal reflex image of the retina;
 - providing the information in cooperation with an information apparatus as a function of the captured light and in correlation with the captured signals;
- 15 obtaining image information with regard to the field of view from the captured light; and
 - projection of the image information onto the retina in correlation with the captured signals such that a naturally perceived field of view and the projected image information are perceived as a unitary image by the retina.

10. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein said function encompasses a temporal or spatial correlation between the provision of the information and the captured light.

- 25 11. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein said function encompasses a pattern recognition that yields at least one information key, and the information keys serve for an information query based on the information apparatus.
- 12. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the capturing of signals comprises scan operations, wherein an at least partial capture of the retinal reflex image is carried out in a first scan operation and a less comprehensive capture of the retinal reflex image is carried out in a later scan operation.
- 13. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the signal capturing captures the 35 retinal reflex image only partially or not at all.
 - 14. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the capture of visible light and/or the signal capturing comprises an at least partially capture of the corneal reflex image of the eye.

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- 15. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the provision of information is effected tactually, visually, audibly, smellably and/or tastably.
- 5 16. The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the information apparatus comprises a databank, a sensor system, an information network connection and/or an evaluation apparatus.